

Remarks

Abstract

The Office Action mailed June 17, 2005, objected to the Abstract because of the use of claim terminology in the Abstract. A new Abstract is submitted to replace the previous Abstract which has been canceled by this paper. The amendments to the Abstract are made to have the Abstract's format and language in compliance with *MPEP* § 608.01(b). No new matter has been added.

Drawings

The Office Action then objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because, in the Examiner's view, the ornamental lights that are attached to the inside of the body as claimed in various claims are not shown in the drawings. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection because paragraph 20 on page 6 of the specification as originally filed, for example, teaches that “[a]s shown in Fig. 3 ... a great number of small ornamental bulbs 8 are attached to the inside of the body.” Therefore, the ornamental lights attached to the inside of the body as claimed are shown in the drawings as originally filed.

The Office Action further objected to the drawings because the font size of reference character 8 and o (sic “e”), in Fig. 3 are too small and nearly illegible. Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-5 are filed together with this paper in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121(d). Other than making the figures, especially reference characters “8” and “e” bigger and more legible, no other amendments have been made to the drawings.

Claim Objections

Dependent claims 6, 8-12, 16, and 20 are objected to because of improper numbering of dependent claims.

Claims 7-9 have been cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, and 10-12 have been cancelled, and properly numbered new claims 21-25 have been added to replace claims 5, 6, and 10-12.

Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 15, and claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 19.

Therefore, all dependent claims have now been properly numbered.

Claim Rejections (35 USC §§102-103)

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Onishi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,413,594); rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Su (U.S. Pat. No. 6,769,954); rejected claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Onishi in view of Su; and rejected claims 8, 9, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Su in view of Gover (U.S. Pat. No. 1,577,903). To expedite the process of this application, Applicant chooses not to make comments to these rejections in this paper, but reserves the right to do so if a continuation or continuation-in-part application is filed in the future. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13, 14, 17, and 18 have been cancelled accordingly.

The Office Action also objected to claims 4-6, 10-12, and 15-16, but indicated that such claims were allowable if rewritten in independent form and included all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1—the base claim. Claims 5, 6, and 11-12 have been cancelled, which contents have been written in new claims 21-25 that depend from claim 4, either directly or indirectly.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 13—the base claim. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from the new independent claim 15.

Therefore, claims 4, 15-16, and 21-25, having been amended or written as the Examiner suggested, are now in allowable manner.

Similarly, claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 17—the base claim. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from the new independent claim 17.

The Office Action does not reject claims 19-20. Neither does it indicate that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in dependent form. However, these claims contain the same additional limitation as that in allowable claims 15 and 16. Therefore, claims 17 and 19 should be allowable at least for the same reason as that for claims 15 and 16.

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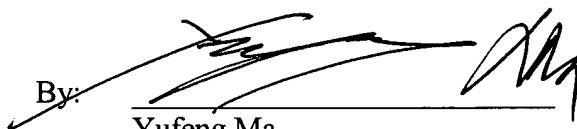
Conclusion

Applicant has amended the application and no new matter is added by the amendments.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to prepare a Notice of Allowability allowing all the pending claims (4, 15-16, 19-25).

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Amendments To The Drawings

Fig. 3 has been amended to make font size of reference characters 8 and "e" bigger and more legible. In compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), replacement sheets for Figs. 1-5 are submitted as an attachment to this paper.